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GDR Chemical Equipment Trade Commission.

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Reference: DA Intelligence Report, [REDACTED]

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Background: In the subject report, the source discusses briefly the GDR Chemical Equipment Trade Commission, which determines the allocation of chemical equipment production and distribution of such equipment in the Bloc. While the report is valuable, it would be desirable to obtain additional information from this source on a field in which there is limited data.

Requirements:

1. According to the source, the Commission determines the types of chemical equipment to be produced and exported based on the industrial capacities of the Bloc countries.
  - a. What are these industrial capacities by country?
  - b. How is the capacity for the production of chemical equipment determined, especially where plants produce a wide range of industrial items?
  - c. What types of equipment are to be produced by each Bloc country?
  - d. What is the value of chemical equipment produced by each country? By year? If no data are available, rank the countries by order of importance.
  - e. What is the trade by value, year, and type of equipment, in chemical equipment between the Bloc countries?
  - f. How is it determined what types of chemical equipment is produced by each country?
  - g. Will the Bloc have any difficulty in meeting its requirements for chemical equipment? Why?
2. What are the problems involved in Bloc production of chemical equipment?
  - a. Supply of raw materials?
  - b. Production bottlenecks?
  - c. Supply of skilled labor?
  - d. Adequate engineering drawings?
  - e. Other?


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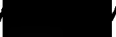
SUBJECT: GDR Chemical Equipment Trade Commission.

3. Compare Western chemical technology with Bloc chemical technology.
4. Imports of chemical equipment from the West:
  - a. What types of chemical equipment does the Bloc import from the West? Why?
  - b. Trade data by value, type and country?
  - c. Attempts to obtain engineering drawings, designs and chemical technology from the West?

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